

FIFTY TO ATTEND NOTABLE REUNION

Survivors of Constitutional Convention Will Meet in Richmond Friday.

HAVE DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

Elaborate Affair Planned for Leading Citizens Who Made New Organic Law.

Responses received from invitations indicate that fully fifty of the sixty-nine survivors of the Virginia Constitutional Convention will meet in reunion in this city on Friday night. Preparations have been going forward for weeks, and the plans are practically complete.

It is expected to have a business meeting and reunion at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, at which the Constitution makers will greet each other and renew acquaintances made during the memorable sessions of that body. Others will be elected to serve until the members meet to hold the next reunion. While the contract has not been executed, it is probable that the Jefferson Hotel will be the scene of the meeting.

Members and Guests to Dinner.—Beginning at 6 o'clock, the members of the association, with invited guests, will meet at dinner. About twenty invitations will be issued to heads of the more important State departments, to judges of the Supreme Court of Appeals and of the courts of this city. The list of after-dinner speakers, which is not yet complete, will include some members and some nonmembers of the Constitutional Convention.

The committee in charge of the reunion and dinner, appointed by President Henry C. Stuart, is composed of James W. Gordon, chairman; Alexander Hamilton and D. C. O'Leary, secretaries. The invitation committee is headed by Charles V. Meredith.

This occasion will be one of the most notable gatherings of recent years in Richmond. The vitally important work of the convention, attracting the leading citizens of the Commonwealth, lent great interest to its personnel, who were in the limelight for the many months the body spent making a new organic law for Virginia. It was its mission to eliminate the negro from politics by depriving the bulk of that race the privilege and responsibility of the ballot. It had to formulate a comprehensive plan of regulation of public service corporations, in response to the needs of modern conditions. It had to revolutionize the system of public instruction, or else abandon it. It was necessary to make changes in the State's activities looking to the improvement of agriculture. And upon general demand, it was decided to revamp the judicial system by abolishing the county courts.

All these things the convention did, occupying many months in the task.

Citizens Give Banquet.—On the day the convention reached final adjournment—June 26, 1902—the members were tendered a banquet at the Masonic Temple by the citizens of Richmond, the occasion being much enjoyed by everybody. At that time an association was formed. Henry Stuart, of Russell, was elected president; Alexander Hamilton, of Petersburg, vice-president; J. Thompson Brown, of Bedford, secretary and treasurer. There was talk of having annual meetings in the form of reunions, but it was hardly expected this would be done.

In 1905, on the call of Mr. Stuart, the first reunion was held, the meeting place being the same hall, the Masonic Temple. There was a large attendance of survivors—much larger, unfortunately, than can ever be had again. No meeting has been held since, and it is at the request of many members that Mr. Stuart announced early in January that another reunion would be held.

A total of 61 men were elected to the Constitutional Convention, one having been elected during the session of all a vacancy in the membership. Of the total, sixty-nine survive, the death roll numbering thirty-two in less than eleven years. Among men well known all over the State who have died since adjournment are Senator John W. Daniel, of Campbell; W. H. Boaz, of Albemarle; Secretary of the Commonwealth, D. Q. Eggleston, of Charlotte; Wood Boulton, of Halifax; Judge G. Taylor Garnett, of Meherrin; John Gooden, of Bedford; and others. The convention, Judge Berryman Green, of Pittsylvania; Judge John H. Ingram, of Manchester; former Congressman James W. Marshall, of Craig; Colonel J. B. Ingham, of Scott; and John C. Summers, of Washington; Judge W. N. Portlock, of Norfolk County, and W. Gordon Robertson, of Roanoke.

DOZEN CONVERSIONS

Great Crowds Hear Drummer-Preacher—Speaks to Girls To-Night.

Quite the biggest crowd since Rev. George R. Stuart was here filled Broad Street Methodist Church last night to hear Rev. "Billy" Williams, the drummer-evangelist. Many chairs were brought in, and the people could not be accommodated.

A dozen conversions, aside from many other manifestations of interest, resulted from the day's meetings. Mr. Williams preached in the morning on "Shall We Know Each Other in the Future Life?" and in the evening on "The Last Judgment." He was assisted at the Young Men's Christian Association in the afternoon—at 2:30 to boys and at 3:30 o'clock to men, the topic of the evening service being "The Young Man and His Company."

His subject at the service at Broad Street Church to-night will be a companion to that at the Y. M. C. A.—"The Young Woman and Her Company." His addresses are given added interest by scraps of his personal experiences.

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WEBB HAD HIS VIEW OF LOCAL DEALERS

Author of Liquor Act Says It Does Not Prohibit Private Use Shipments.

ENJOINS EXPRESS COMPANY

Chief Justice of South Carolina Orders Abbeville Agent to Deliver Consignment.

In the light of a statement by Congressman E. Y. Webb, of North Carolina, co-author of the Webb-Kenyon anti-liquor bill, and an act of Chief Justice Garry, of the South Carolina Supreme Court, there appears ground for the belief that the liquor dealers of Richmond and other cities will be supported by the courts in their claim that they have a right under the laws of interstate commerce to ship their product into South Carolina.

Following the refusal by agents of the Southern Express Company in South Carolina to deliver shipments of intoxicants to their point of destination, the Webb-Kenyon act, recently passed by Congress, in conjunction with the State liquor laws, prohibited such deliveries, appeal was made to Congressmen Webb for a statement as to the operation of his law.

"The law," said the Congressman, with reference to the recent congressional act, "does not prohibit private-use shipments, and will not unless the State forbids and the courts of that State allow sale to individuals by any one in the State."

Corroborates Richmond View.—The statement by the co-author of the Webb-Kenyon act, a corroborative argument presented to Judge Waddill Saturday by lawyers for the wholesale liquor dealers of Richmond and Petersburg, who applied to him for an injunction to enjoin the Southern Express Company from refusing to accept shipments of intoxicants destined for points in South Carolina. The fact that the laws of that State accord to its own citizens the right to sell liquor under certain restrictions, it was argued by lawyers for the dealers, gives the business a legal standing and invalidates the right of South Carolina to deny the same privilege to citizens of other States.

The dispensary system, as now in force in South Carolina, differs from the system as first instituted by act of Legislature in 1896. As first conceived, it was a State monopoly. The institution became unpopular, the result of flagrant abuses, and finally gave way to an amended dispensary system, in which the counties assumed the management of the system. It is this state of affairs, according to counsel for the liquor dealers, which makes South Carolina essentially local in character, and therefore, in violation of the laws of interstate commerce.

Chief Justice Grants Order.—The question was brought up to an issue in Abbeville, S. C., Saturday, when D. P. Collicutt obtained from Chief Justice Garry, of the Supreme Court of South Carolina, an order requiring the agent of the Southern Express Company in that city to deliver to him a package said to contain liquor, which the company had declined to deliver. The order, it is reported, may be taken to the Supreme Court of the United States to test the validity of the Webb-Kenyon law.

The outcome of the controversy in South Carolina is awaited with concern by wholesale liquor dealers in Richmond, Petersburg, Norfolk and other Virginia cities, whose sales to points in that State form a large portion of their revenue. In this city, particularly, the situation is said to be grave.

A decision from Judge Waddill on Saturday's application for an injunction is expected to-morrow. The lateness of the hour when the hearing terminated, it is believed, will prevent his electing into the merits of the application until to-day.

BANKERS LISTEN TO FARM ADDRESS

Members of Group to Hear T. O. Sandy, and Elect Officers for 1914.

Fifty members of Group 2, of the Virginia Bankers' Association, gathered in annual meeting at the Jefferson Hotel Saturday night to discuss business problems and elect officers for the ensuing year. The addresses of the evening were preceded by a luncheon and smoker served in the Flemish room.

T. O. Sandy, chief agent in Virginia for farmers' representation work, delivered an address on the present scope of this branch of agricultural work in Virginia and the economic importance of its development. A paper on "Taxation," which has long been read by Arthur I. Warthen, of Free Royal, was, in his enforced absence, read by O. J. Sands.

The voting resulted in the election of the following officers, who will serve the ensuing twelve months: Norman H. Williams, cashier First National Bank, Chase City, president; M. G. Field, cashier Citizens' National Bank, Orange, vice-president; and W. P. Shelton, of the First National Bank, Richmond, secretary. The latter served in the same capacity last year and was re-elected. The retiring officers were R. G. Vance, cashier First National Bank, Waynesville, president, and Joseph M. Hart, cashier Citizens' National Bank, Baltimore, vice-president.

The annual convention of the Virginia Bankers' Association, which is divided into five subsidiary groups, will be held at Old Point Comfort June 9-10. The bankers have arranged for a boat trip to Washington to take place on June 20.

LOUIS ST. GAUDENS DEAD

He Was An Artist and Assistant to His Famous Brother.
Cornish, N. H., March 9.—Louis Saint Gaudens, a sculptor, known for his own original work and as an assistant of his brother, the late Augustus Saint Gaudens, died here yesterday of pneumonia. He was born fifty-nine years ago in New York. One of his last best known works was the design of the arch at the new railroad station in Washington.

HANDCUFFED MAN JUMPS OVERBOARD

Prisoner Rescued Just Before He Drowned and Brought Here on Larceny Charge.

GAVE OFFICER THE SLIP

Took Wild Plunge Just as Boat Was Preparing to Dock at Newport News.

Though handcuffed, a negro prisoner, who was being brought from Norfolk to Richmond, attempted to escape yesterday afternoon from Detective F. J. Gentry by leaping over the rail of a steamer at Newport News into the James River. He barely escaped drowning. He was rescued by a boy in a power-boat.

The prisoner, Nathan Harris, twenty-four years old, wanted here on the charge of petit larceny, was arrested in Norfolk at the request of Chief of Police Warner. Gentry went for him and left Norfolk yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Harris displayed no signs of attempting to escape and gave the officer no trouble.

Saw Him Leap Overboard.—When the steamer, which had ferried them from Norfolk, was about to dock at Newport News, Gentry, with Harris, went to the stern on the second deck. "I did this to avoid the crowd which was about the land," Gentry said. "I turned my head for a moment, and when I turned around I saw Harris in the act of leaping over the rail. I was certain he was going to a watery grave, because, even if he could swim, he would have been unable to do so yelied to several people to throw him a rope. A policeman standing on the deck what had happened and ordered a boy in a launch to go to the aid of the drowning man. He had gone beneath the water's surface three times. The boy threw a line to Harris and he was able to grab it and hold on. He was dragged into the boat and brought ashore, more dead than alive, but he came around all right in a short while. I was a happy man when I got hold of him again."

Said He Went Crazy.—Harris, who was furnished some dry clothing by the Newport News police, and who otherwise assisted the Richmond police, said he lost his mind by jumping overboard. He declared he had certainly gone crazy, and that he did not remember what he had done. He was brought to Richmond last night and locked up in the First Police Station. He will be given a hearing this morning on the charge of stealing a silver coffee pot from the Gresham Apartment House Corporation.

The attempted escape was witnessed by hundreds of people on the boat and shore, and the greatest excitement prevailed for a while.

CHARGES AGAINST WALDO

Effort Will Be Made to Have Commissioner Ousted.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]—The York, March 9.—Charges of official misconduct, arising out of Commissioner Waldo's method of administering the police pension fund, it was learned to-day, will shortly be filed against Waldo with Governor Suther by a well known civic organization, that for several months has been investigating the commissioner's official acts. It is said that when these charges are filed with the Governor, it will be recommended to him by Tammany officeholders and counselors to sustain them and remove the commissioner. By this means it is hoped to prove to the people of this city that Tammany has no connection with the existing graft scandals that have been born in Waldo's term of office.

Investigation has laid bare the fact that though the charter specifically makes the police commissioner the sole trustee, in bonds of \$100,000, of the police pension funds, Commissioner Waldo's "trusteeship" has consisted in turning over the granting of pensions and retirement relief to a board of five police officers representing the various benevolent associations on the police force. By this means, their connection with the association named, he is alleged, been able to wield undue influence, even to the extent of dictating the policy of the commissioner in certain directions.

FRANCIS COLTON DEAD

He Was Father of Governor Colton, of

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UNABLE TO FIND TRACE OF BRIEL

Retired Butcher, 79 Years Old, Has Been Missing Since February 22.

POLICE DRAIN THE CANAL

City Dock Also Dragged, and Case Is Mystery Which Nobody Can Solve.

Despite every effort on the part of the police and relatives, no light has been thrown on the mystery which surrounds the strange disappearance of Henry Briel, seventy-nine years old, the wealthy butcher, now retired, who disappeared from his home, 2501 Kensington Avenue, on the afternoon of February 22. The reward of \$75 which has been offered for information leading to his whereabouts or concerning what has happened to him has been increased by F. W. Brauer, his son-in-law, to \$100.

"None of us has any idea what has happened to Mr. Briel," Mr. Brauer said last night. "We have done everything possible to get some information regarding him, but every clue we have followed has led to naught. But we will continue our search, hoping he will be found alive."

"The case is a puzzle," Chief of Police Warner said. "I have had all of the detectives, and in fact the entire force, doing everything possible to get some information about Mr. Briel, but so far there have been no developments. Circulars have been sent broadcast, but they have not helped to solve the mystery."

Yesterday the canal was drained and searched, with the expectation the missing butcher may have fallen in the water and drowned. No body was found. The City Dock was thoroughly dragged a week ago. The only body recovered was that of an unidentified negro, believed to have been a sailor.

Left Home on February 22.—Mr. Briel left his home at 2:30 o'clock on the afternoon of February 22. Later he was seen in the vicinity of Seventeenth and Main Streets. There he met and talked with Policemen Polkes and Flournoy. He was apparently in a happy frame of mind, and his actions seemed perfectly normal. As far as can be learned, he was not seen after that.

When he did not return home for tea, Mrs. Briel became anxious, and when he had not appeared at midnight, the family became alarmed. However, she was able to grab it and hold on. He was dragged into the boat and brought ashore, more dead than alive, but he came around all right in a short while. I was a happy man when I got hold of him again."

Mr. Briel once before disappeared, but was found several days later in West Point, Va., where he had gone to visit relatives.

Whether Mr. Briel has become mentally unbalanced and wandered to some strange city or met with foul play, a question which no one will attempt to answer. The former seems to be the most likely. He was not known to have any large sum of money with him at the time last seen.

NEED REDISTRICTING

Richmond Entitled to Additional Member of Legislature.

The announcement made by D. L. Toney that he is a candidate for the House of Delegates from this city calls attention again to the need of redistricting the State for members of the General Assembly. The last Legislature disregarded the mandate of the Constitution in the respect of redistricting the State on the basis of all proportion as to population. Richmond is entitled to six members of the House instead of five, and with the former members it would be easier to accord one to the Southside, which had a representative prior to annexation. Mr. Toney has served three terms, but has defeated two years ago.

Other defeated candidates for the House from this city are Edwin P. Cox, Captain John A. Curtis, Hill Montague and Captain J. Taylor Stratton. Prospective winners include James J. Creamer and Charles M. Wallace.

GAYLOR IN AGAIN

"The Judge" Will Face Justice Crutchfield This Morning.

"Judge" Samuel Gaylor is in again. He spent last night at the Eastern District Station, and for the twentieth time will face Justice Crutchfield this morning. He will answer a charge of being drunk and disorderly. The former was arrested by William Williams, preferred by "Patrolman Williams."

"The Judge" is a familiar figure at Eighth and Broad Streets, and when he is not selling newspapers, he amuses the crowd by congregating there by eating a 10-cent pie in two minutes. He was seen yesterday afternoon by Williams behaving in a disorderly manner on Church Hill.

Say She Stole \$32.

Maude Clark, colored, was arrested yesterday by Policeman Crafton on a warrant charging her with stealing \$32 from George Jones, also colored.

WILSON PUZZLES OFFICE-SEEKERS

No Information Obtainable as to Time and Way of Landing Federal Positions.

LIVELY FIGHT IN SOUTHWEST

Wants Collectorship for Party Purposes—Several Contests Seem Settled.

Seekers after Federal office, whose hopes ran so high when the wires last November flashed the glad tidings of Wilson's election, are all at sea over developments at Washington. From all accounts, no one really knows anything about who is going to be appointed to anything, nor when an appointment will be made.

President Wilson's declaration to talk patronage in the White House has caused the best laid plans of politicians to go awry. It had been thought that the President would represent, and through this or that friend, but this, it is evident, will be impossible, since the President has announced that all such matters must be taken up through the heads of departments. He has backed this up by refusing to talk over a Federal judgeship with the Senators from Florida.

Will Fill Out Terms.—Besides the feeling is growing that the administration will not interfere with Republicans whose stated terms have not expired. This means that any men who are members of the party, which now stands third in numerical order in the land, will hold to their positions at the pie counter for months, and in some cases, years.

Virginians who are willing to serve their country are much puzzled. Arguments that might appeal to President Wilson might have no weight at all. The Attorney-General McKeenleys or Secretary McAdoo, besides, might be able to get the chief executive intended to go into all these matters and make his own choice, may not count except as the additional bump into the buffer of departmental management. The result is that everybody will await the developments of the next few days before proceeding further with applications for appointments.

Many Want Collectorship.—The office in this State over which the warmest fight is waged is that of the collectorship of internal revenue for the Western District of Virginia. Many arguments have been put forth with extreme vigor that the Ninth District should have this office, which would mean more patronage for any Virginian. The collectorship is another in Virginia under the national government, and, therefore, can be used more successfully for party purposes. That is the way it has been used for years. The collectorship is regarded it as their most valuable asset. It has practically existed to build up the Republican machine there.

Members of the Western part of the State are in the main willing to concede the collectorship to the Ninth, but the people of that district have been unable to get together. Among the men desirous of serving the people in that position are former State Senator Peyton F. St. Clair, of Giles; Henry S. Kane, of Scott; W. L. Dennis, of Buchanan; David A. Preston, of Washington; James A. Stone, of Bristol; Howard C. Miller, of West, and Thomas L. Tate, of Pulaski. The district committee had a meeting to see if it could not agree on a unanimous candidate, but adjourned without getting together.

Ninth Man Lose It.—Unless the differences can be speedily settled, the office is likely to go to John M. Hart, of Roanoke, or to some applicant outside of the Ninth.

Should the collectorship go to the Ninth after all, it is said the office of the collector will be given to the Tenth District. The seventh in the person of Richard Evelyn Byrd will land the district attorney's appointment, unless he should be made Tenth District circuit judge. W. H. Werth, of Tazewell, wants the attorneyship also.

As previously stated in The Times-Dispatch, it is probable that Hiram M. Gaylor, of Richmond, will be district attorney for the Eastern District, because most of the party leaders are for him, including the Wilson men. This is supposing that the new Attorney-General will consider these things. The only man positively at work for the collectorship in the Eastern District is Senator R. C. L. Moncre, of Stafford, although he may have opposition. It looks as though R. L. Alworth, of Southampton, will be marshal for the Eastern District. Other candidates are Harry C. Hall, of Portsmouth; A. C. Jordan, of Northampton, and Sergeant J. G. Saunders, of Hume, of the Tenth District, this city.

Gossip Over Local Pick.—Since announcement of the consolidation of internal revenue offices in Virginia, there is not so much anxiety over the office of collector of the port of Richmond. Arden has been considerably cooled in this direction, pending the expected reduction in salary of the Richmond office in charge.

The term of Rear Admiral, Jr., postmaster of Richmond, will expire December 18 next, and it is assumed he will hold office until that time. Leading candidates for appointment are Ray T. Thornton, superintendent of Station A Post-office, and Lewis D. Aylett, secretary of the Virginia Trust Company.

Collector of Internal Revenue Lowry's bond expires December 19, and Collector of the Port Arnold's also in December, while that of the United States marshal is out next January. It seems that the bond of District Attorney Lawrence Grover, has about three years to run, but his resignation may settle that matter.

Missionary Rally.—The Young People's Missionary Society of Park Place Methodist Church will have a missionary rally Wednesday night at 8:15 o'clock in the lecture hall of the church. There will be addresses in the interest of home missions by Misses Rogers and Sellers, of the Methodist Institute; also foreign missionary addresses by Miss Ruth Blanks, of Petersburg, and Miss Edith Denny. Special music will be rendered by the church choir.

Discuss Juvenile Vice.—Juvenile vice in Richmond will be considered at a meeting of the Men's Association of St. Paul's Church, to be held at the parish house on Thursday night at 8:15 o'clock. The principal speaker on this subject will be Rev. Father Charles Hannigan, a member of the "steering committee" of the Juvenile Court. In addition, the annual election of officers of the association will be held.

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PROSECUTE GOAD TO ASSIST ALLENS

Hope for Another Reprieve.
Floyd Allen Agitated, While Claude Remains Calm.

At a conference to be held in Richmond to-day by friends of the Allen family, a decision will be reached as to the contemplated prosecution of Dexter Goad, clerk of the Circuit Court of Carroll County, on a charge of perjury inasmuch as the next term of the Wythe County Circuit Court, where the alleged offense was committed, will not be held until next month, after the date for the execution, it is possible, in case the prosecution materializes, that it may be decided to have a warrant sworn out for the arrest of Goad, and he will be bound over to the grand jury. Of course, the potent reason for the suggested proceedings is an effort to save Floyd Allen and Claude Swanson Allen rather than to punish Dexter Goad. It is felt that if there is pending against a leading witness for the Commonwealth a prosecution for perjury committed at the trial, the Governor might grant another respite to await its outcome. Should Goad be convicted, the hope would be that Governor Mann would then commute the sentence.

Claude More Nervy Than Floyd.—Miss Nellie Wisler, assistant of Claude Allen, and Victor Allen, son and brother of the condemned men, visited them in the State prison yesterday, spending several hours of fifteen years. Victor Allen, who is a highly nervous and agitated condition Saturday, realizing his true position for the first time, was better spirited yesterday. His young son, Claude, has, as a matter of fact, preserved his nerve much more successfully than has "Old Man Floyd," a figure in scores of affairs. The older man has a severe cold, from which he had almost recovered yesterday.

It is probable that Miss Wisler and Victor Allen will leave to-night for their homes. Victor goes to Greensboro, N. C., and then to Mt. Airy, which is ten miles from his home. Miss Wisler lives at Pulaski, Va., traveling in a Federal direction. She is a niece of Mrs. Victor Allen. The two attended service at the First Baptist Church last night, to hear Rev. George W. McDaniel, D. D., friend of the Allens. Sidney Edwards, one of the family, who is serving a term in the State prison for his part in the shooting, is a victim to measles, which has attacked many of the prisoners in the penitentiary. He is weak physically, although he looks strong, and this attack has gone hard with him.

WILL RECOGNIZE CHINESE TONGS

Attempt Will Be Made to Show Country-Wide Scope of Societies.

New York, March 9.—When Gee Doy Yung is placed on trial to-morrow charged with murder, the Chinese tongs, or secret societies, will for the first time be officially recognized in court here. Assistant District Attorney Wasservogel announced to-day that in presenting the State's case he will depart from the usual procedure in previous trials of Chinese and will try to show the country-wide scope of the tongs and that the murder was part of a tong battle. Yung is a member of the On Leong Tong.

The "battle" which took place last October, resulted in the death of five men, two Chinamen and three white men. An investigation disclosed that the On Leong Tong, the Chinese district of Philadelphia, Chinese district of Philadelphia, Chinese district of Philadelphia, similar "battles